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Dear Miss McAlinden:

Before I take off for a week of lecturing at Chapel Hill, N. C., I had better get these determinations off to you.

No. 1 - This is an apparently naturalized specimen of the foxglove, Digitalis purpurea L. Since it is a biennial and now in flower, transplantation is not indicated. If any seed set from the blossoms this year, they should be harvested and later sown in the desired location.

No. 2 - This surely is Artemesia californica Less, California sagebrush. I don't know of any special use for this species other than its feathery attractiveness and pleasant odor. It is perhaps the most abundant species in the Coastal Sage Scrub in coastal and cismontane California, on dry slopes below 2500 feet.

No. 3 - Though sterile, this specimen appears to be the Tumbleweed, Amaranthus albus L. It is one of the wind-pollinated pigweeds, and some people are allergic to the wind-blown pollen grains of pigweeds when the plants are in bloom. The plants should be destroyed before they come into bloom.

I hope this information will satisfy your correspondents.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Thorne